

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. - 24. *cancelled*

25. (*currently amended*) In a telephone network that includes a voicemail server that stores messages and a message notification server that notifies a subscriber device of a message stored in the voicemail server by initiating a voicemail status call to the subscriber, the improvement comprising:

multiple mailbox partitions formed within the voicemail server and associated with a single telephone line of the network,

respective unique IDs associated with respective ones of the multiple mailbox partitions, and

a controller that stores a voicemail message in a partition associated with one of the unique IDs and that effects transmission of a change in voicemail status message during the message notification server-initiated voicemail status call.

26. (*previously presented*) The improvement of claim 25, wherein the transmitted voicemail status message includes one of multiple unique IDs so as to identify a specific partition of the multiple mailbox partitions having a new voicemail message.

27. *cancelled*

28. (*previously presented*) In a telephone network that includes a voicemail server that stores messages and a message notification server that notifies a subscriber device of a message stored in the voicemail server by initiating a voicemail status call to the subscriber, the improvement comprising:

at least one unique ID number associated with the status of messages at said voicemail server for that subscriber, and

a controller responsive to the subscriber device to transmit the unique ID for that subscriber during the voicemail status call, according to the status of messages for that subscriber at said voicemail server.

29. *(previously presented)* The improvement of claim 28, wherein a first unique ID number is transmitted when a new voicemail message is present for the subscriber and a second unique ID number is transmitted when no voicemail message is present for the subscriber.

30. *(currently amended)* The improvement of claim 28, wherein the voicemail server includes multiple sub-mailboxes assigned to a single telephone line of a single subscriber, each sub-mailbox having a ~~each~~ unique ID number ~~comprises a caller ID number~~ for display on the subscriber device so as to identify which sub-mailbox has received a new voicemail message.